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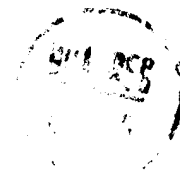
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Mr. William J. Anderson
Assistant Comptroller General
General Government Programs
General Accounting Office
Washington, D.C. 20548

Dear Mr. Anderson:

In response to your letter of October 6, we have completed the attached questionnaire on waiver of erroneous payments. Although we have processed no requests for waiver under Public Law 99-224 through GAO since the effective date, we feel that the time and effort required to do so would seem to justify raising the present \$500 limitation.

Sincerely yours,



Allen R. Elkins
Director of Finance
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October 6, 1986

Mr. Harry E. Fitzwater
Deputy Director for Administration
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Fitzwater:

The U.S. General Accounting Office (GAO), an investigative agency of the Congress, is studying whether GAO should recommend that Congress increase the amount heads of agencies may waive for erroneous payments of pay and allowances. As part of this survey, we are examining several agencies' waiver experience and obtaining their views on how a change in the limitation would impact on their waiver activities. The attached questionnaire is designed to obtain your agency's views on how a change in the limitation will impact on your agency's operations.

Please complete the questionnaire and return it in the enclosed, self-addressed, postage-paid envelope within 10 days after you receive it. The questionnaire should take about 15 minutes to complete.

If you have any questions, please call Ms. Shirley Bates or Mr. Chris Farley at (202) 275-3102.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosures



U.S. GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE

SURVEY OF FEDERAL AGENCIES ON WAIVER OFERRONEOUS PAYMENTS OF PAY AND ALLOWANCESINTRODUCTION

Under current laws (5 U.S.C. 5584, 10 U.S.C. 2774, and 32 U.S.C. 716), heads of agencies have the authority to waive erroneous payments of pay and allowances not exceeding \$500. The Claims Group of the U.S. General Accounting Office (GAO) is studying whether GAO should recommend that Congress change the dollar limitation. We are analyzing GAO's and other agencies' waiver activities during fiscal year 1985 and gathering information from agencies on the potential impact of a change in the \$500 limitation. While we already have a summary of your agency's waiver activities for fiscal year 1985, we need additional information as well as your views on how a change in the \$500 limitation would affect your agency's waiver activities. We also would like to obtain information on the potential impact of Public Law 99-224 which amended 5 U.S.C. 5584, 10 U.S.C. 2774, and 32 U.S.C. 716 to authorize waiver of erroneous payments of travel, transportation, and relocation expenses and allowances made after December 28, 1985. In addition, we plan to visit selected agencies for more in-depth information.

The questionnaire should not take more than 15 minutes to complete. If you have any questions, please call Ms. Shirley Bates or Mr. Chris Farley on FTS 275-3102.

Please return the completed questionnaire in the enclosed pre-addressed envelope within 10 days of receipt. In the event the envelope is misplaced, the return address is:

U.S. GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE
Ms. Shirley Bates
Room 5041
441 G Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20548

Thank you for your help.

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Please provide your name (preparer or contact person), title, address, and telephone number in case it is necessary to clarify any answers.

NAME: _____

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TITLE: Deputy Assistant Director for
Policy and Plans

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Washington, DC 20505

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1. Consider all the staff time necessary to analyze and process an initial request for waiver to GAO for settlement versus the staff time necessary to settle a request for waiver in your agency. In your opinion, is the staff time needed for processing a request to GAO greater, less, or about the same as the time needed for settling a request in your agency? (CHECK ONE.) (5)

Staff time needed for processing a request for waiver to GAO is...

1. ☒ Much greater
2. ☐ Greater
3. ☐ About the same
4. ☐ Less
5. ☐ Much less
6. ☐ No basis to judge

2. In your opinion, do you think the \$500 limitation should be changed, or should it remain the same? (CHECK ONE.) (6)

1. ☐ Decrease \$500 limitation } (Continue to Q.3.)
 2. ☒ Increase \$500 limitation }

3. ☐ \$500 limitation should be retained } (Skip to Question 4.)
 4. ☐ No basis to judge }

3. To what amount do you think the limitation should be changed? (CHECK ONE.) (7)

1. ☐ Less than \$500

2. ☐ \$1,000

3. ☒ \$1,500

4. ☐ \$2,000

5. ☐ \$2,500

6. ☐ \$5,000

7. ☐ Other (specify) \$ _____

8. ☐ No basis to judge

4. If the Comptroller General were given the authority to adjust the dollar limitation through the regulatory process, an immediate adjustment could be made and future adjustments could also be made through the regulatory process rather than through legislation.

If GAO determines that the current limitation should be changed, should we: 1) recommend legislation which would change only the specific amount in the current statutes, or 2) recommend that the Comptroller General be given authority to adjust the limitation through the regulatory process, as needed? (CHECK ONE.) (8)

1. ☐ Change only the specific amount in current statutes

2. ☐ Give the Comptroller General authority to adjust the limitation through the regulatory process, as needed

3. ☒ No basis to judge

5. How many requests for waiver submitted under the authority of Public Law 99-224 has your agency received from December 28, 1985, to September 30, 1986, in each of the following categories? (ENTER AMOUNT. IF NONE, ENTER "0"; IF DATA IS NOT AVAILABLE, ENTER "N.A.")

	Number of Requests for Waiver Received	
1. Travel	<u>- 0 -</u>	(9-12)
2. Transportation	<u>- 0 -</u>	(13-16)
3. Relocation Expenses	<u>- 0 -</u>	(17-20)
Total	<u>- 0 -</u>	(21-25)

6. If you have any comments regarding any of the previous questions or any suggestions on the waiver process, please use the space provided or attach another sheet. (26)

Thank you for your help.

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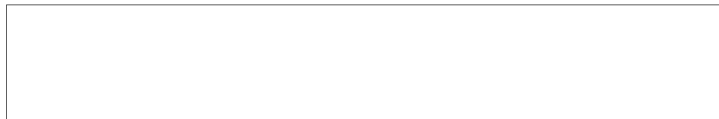
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